



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mamie Whitesides Elementary

Charleston

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 609

Principal: Lona B. Pounder

Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley

Board Chair: Mr. Hillery Douglas

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Below Average	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	Gold	Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

5

GOOD

21

AVERAGE

3

BELOW AVERAGE

0

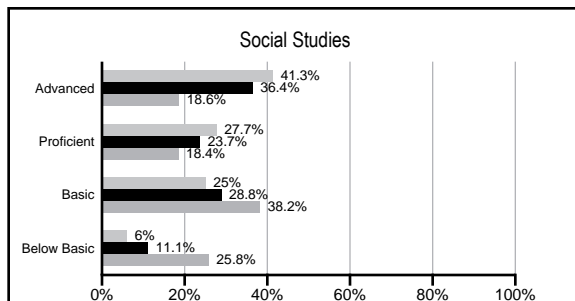
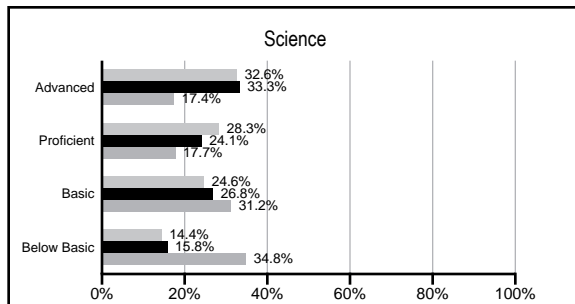
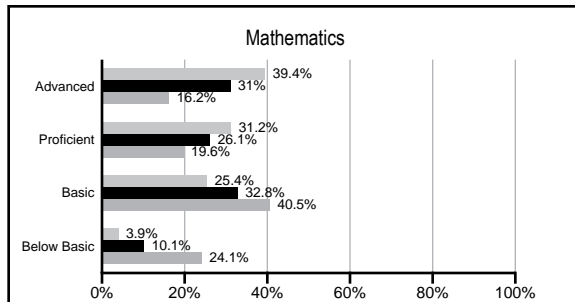
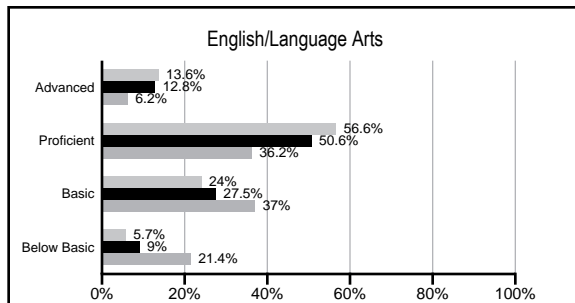
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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



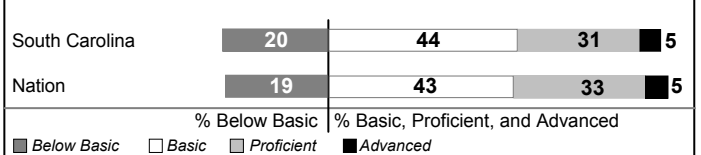
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Mamie Whitesides Elementary [Charleston]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=609)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Down from 3.3%	1.4%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.3%	96.7%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	36.1%	Up from 34.6%	23.7%	10.4%
With disabilities other than speech	4.5%	Up from 3.2%	5.4%	7.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.9%	Down from 67.4%	62.5%	56.7%
Continuing contract teachers	92.7%	Up from 81.4%	81.1%	77.3%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Up from 85.0%	88.1%	86.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.7%	94.9%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$47,874	Up 5.2%	\$47,187	\$45,345
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.9 to 1	Up from 18.6 to 1	20.0 to 1	18.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.8%	Up from 89.3%	90.4%	89.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,359	Up 7.3%	\$6,454	\$7,052
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	75.8%	Up from 75.1%	70.6%	69.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.6%	Down from 70.6%	65.1%	64.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		100.0%	85.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	43	101	97
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.7%	93.0%	96.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3%	93.0%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.7%	93.1%	94.7%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Currently located between Coleman and Johnny Dodds Boulevards, Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary has been providing a quality education to Mt. Pleasant residents since 1956. Through the collaborative efforts of a highly-qualified professional staff, devoted parents, and a supportive community, Whitesides' students are well prepared for middle school. Students in grades 2-5 participate in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments three times a year to determine growth, identify goals for student achievement, and guide instructional priorities for individual students. Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading also provide opportunities for student advancement in reading and math. An interventionist offers support for at-risk students, and additional tutors work with students in grades 3-5 from February through May in the areas of science and social studies. Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy (DIBEL) assessments are conducted in grades K-1 three times annually to monitor student progress and assess student literacy.

Volunteers are present on a daily basis and make significant contributions to the support of classrooms and our school operation. Our PTA coordinates many functions throughout the year to engage families and extend bonds within our community. The PTA sponsors a Family Night Dinner, Game Night, No TV Week, Book Character Day, wrapping paper sales, and savings card drives. It also provides support for the Angel Tree and Christmas parade float. Our annual Variety Show highlights a broad range of student talent, and chorus is offered in fourth and fifth grades. Strings is offered in grade 5. Our choral program performs concerts twice yearly in conjunction with extensive standards-based, grade-level productions. Students earn statewide recognition for their artistic talent through the Honors Choir and PTA Reflections Program.

Local opportunities for student recognition are numerous. Our fourth grade students have responsibility for our school newspaper and Whitesides' students have earned recognition in various contests throughout the year including the Post and Courier's "Wild Tales for Cool Kids," and the county winner for fifth grade in the Lt. Governor's Essay Award Contest. SAIL students participate in language and math programs from The College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut.

For six of the last seven years, Whitesides has earned the Palmetto Gold award for academic excellence. In 2007, our achievement rating was "Good." We have met Adequate Yearly Progress goals for four consecutive years, and three of the last five years, we have been recognized for closing the Achievement Gap. For eleven consecutive years, Whitesides has been recognized for our involvement in the Community of Readers. We have seven National Board Certified teachers as well as a National Board Certified nurse. Our instructional programs are designed to support the Charleston Plan for Excellence, offer rigor and relevance, and are delivered by a professional staff that is truly devoted to children. Construction plans are underway for a new Whitesides Elementary School that is slated for completion in 2010.

Sharon Sottile and Marjorie Clark, SIC Co-Chairs

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